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MAXWELL AFB, GUNTER ANNEX, Ala – Thirty-four first and second Air Force

lieutenants at Maxwell and Gunter Annex got a jump start on some of their peers and furthered their professional development last week when they attended the Company Grade Officers' Program (CGOP). The professional military education course was an opportunity for base lieutenants to learn and practice effective leadership skills.

The course was designed to enhance the officers' knowledge of critical skills and base services. "Not all company grade officer's have polished the fundamental skills needed to succeed as a young officer," 1st Lt. John McCollum, the 2003 CGOP course director, said. "This course ensured the lieutenants understood what tools are available to help them succeed in their vital role as Air Force leaders."

Topics and role-playing workshops covered include officership, leadership, communication skills, officer performance report (OPR), enlisted performance report (EPR) and promotion recommendation form (PRF) writing information and the officer assignment system. Panel discussions focused on perspectives from senior officer's, senior noncommissioned officer's, NCO and first sergeants.

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The week culminated with a trip to Tuskegee University's ROTC detachment and historic Moton Field, where they heard a first-hand historical account about the Tuskegee Airmen. During the visit, the CGOP attendees had an opportunity to talk to more than 30 New Orleans students about the Air Force during an unexpected combined field trip. Capt. Pamela Brown, 42d Medical Group, enjoyed the visit and said, "...seeing the history and accomplishments of the Tuskegee Airmen was very inspiring."

Of all of the activities during the week, the NCO and senior NCO panels earned the most favorable comments from the attendees. "The panels gave me a chance to gain the enlisted and senior enlisted perspective I currently miss in my non-supervisory role," 1st Lt. Daniel Goldsmith, a network project manager with the Standard Systems Group, said. "I only wish I had more opportunities to listen and learn!"

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